

Update for Test Coordinators

Day 5 of Spring ISAT Window April 18, 2008

Thank you.

By end of day Thursday, you completed 92,271 content area tests (parts 1 & 2)! By May 16, you will have completed more than 480,000. We appreciate that this is hard work for you and your students.

Reactivation

Please use the attached spreadsheet to list your IEP and ELP students for reactivation over night. We assume that all reactivations are for students with specific accommodations. As a reminder, you may submit a complete list of all IEP and ELP eligible students in advance of testing for pre-approval. Reactivation requests for extenuating situations are the *exception*. We will consider all requests. Reactivation when the student has not been given a full 90 minute testing session will not be approved. Some exceptions that have been approved for reactivation are for extreme illness that caused the child to be taken away, a student that accidentally clicked continue but did not click begin test for part 2, power failures, loss of internet connection, and computer failures.

The ISAT is an <u>un-timed test</u>, limited only by the length of a school day. We require a 90 minute test opportunity for each content area. We appreciate that you have an alternate plan when students require additional time. Some strategies that schools are using, in order to free lab computers, include moving slow testers to a counselor's office or special programs classroom.

Reactivation within one school day is at your discretion. When doing so, you are required to monitor students when they are away from the test.

Danger: You can actually reactivate overnight without reporting to the state and requesting reactivation. However, at the close of the test window, we will reconcile actual reactivations with the state approved list. Students whose tests are reactivated overnight without state approval are in jeopardy of having tests invalidated. Invalidated tests receive no scores and count against participation.

Technology Problems

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving the glitches that we have experienced this week. DRC and CAL have been very responsive and we appreciate your time and effort in working with them to get to solutions. MAC 10.3 and older continues to be problematic for random item presentation and those schools with computers running that system are making the best of a difficult situation.

Tickets

The *auto continue* at the end of part 1 seems to be working well. Remember, if a student inadvertently clicks continue when you want him to exit, <u>do not let him BEGIN TEST</u>. If he does not have opportunity to view items, reactivation will not be a problem. If he gets an opportunity to see the test questions, we cannot reactivate.

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